

September 18, 1962

Honorable John A. McCone
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

The Depository Library Act of 1962, enacted on August 9 of this year as Public Law 579, 87th Congress, provides hereafter for the direct participation of all United States Government departments and agencies in the distribution of publications to Depository Libraries, a function administered by this Office.

At such time as the provisions of this law can be implemented, Government agencies will be required to furnish the Superintendent of Documents with a sufficient number of copies for distribution to depository libraries of all unrestricted publications which they obtain from sources other than the Government Printing Office, except those required for administrative or operational purposes which have no public interest or educational value.

Our present feeling is that it will probably not be possible to begin full operations under the new law until the beginning of fiscal year 1964. We know that this Office cannot accomplish the increased responsibilities and operational volume involved, until additional resources are provided by Congress, and we assume that the same situation may prevail in the case of other Government agencies. It is our intention to include in our 1964 budget request an estimated amount to cover the administration of this program for that year.

In the meantime, we must make preliminary plans with Government agencies for evaluating their publications obtained from sources other than the Government Printing Office, in relation to the provisions of the new Depository Library Law. Discussions with them of possible procedures for future use in securing these publications for depository distribution can also be helpful.

In order to fulfill this objective, I would be pleased if you would advise me of your selection of a representative who is familiar with your publications program to work with our Superintendent of Documents and the other officials of his division who administer the

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Depository Library Distribution Program. Mr. Joseph A. King, Chief of the Library, Division of Public Documents, Government Printing Office, whose telephone number is Code 149, Extension 215, is the official who is in direct charge of this operation.

I appreciate the fine cooperation that this Office has always had from your agency and we look forward to a continuation of it in accomplishing a most difficult program required by law. By working together I am hopeful that the result can be one that will provide the benefits intended by the new law without imposing undue hardship on either your agency or this Office.

Sincerely yours,

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